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1. The following are comparative figures of the output of the Lower-Lusatian coalfield in the years 1938, 1946, and 1947:

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
		(in million tons)	
Brown coal	23	14	11
Brown coal briquettes	8	4	3

The decrease can be attributed to war damage, dismantling, and, during the past year, to bad maintenance of the pits caused by lack of materials, spare parts, and transportation facilities.

2. The total production of brown coal and briquettes in the Soviet Zone during 1947 has been estimated at:

Brown coal a little under 100 million tons
Brown coal briquettes 27 million tons.

3. A new brown coal mine has been started at Kleinschepa, Kreis Wurzen. This mine, named "Hildegard", is expected to produce 100,000 tons of brown coal.

4. A senior official in the government of the State of Saxony recently stated that the production of electric power in Saxony increased during the period September 1947 to January 1948 from 380 million kwh to 510 million kwh. This increase has been attributed to increased output from power stations in Dresden, Leipzig, and Chemnitz.

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